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INSIGHT.

On the river of life, as I float along,
I see with the spirit's sight
That many a nauseous weed of wrong
Has root in a seed of right.
For evil is good that has gone astray,
And sorrow is only blindness,
And the world is always under the sway
Of a changeless law of kindness.

The commonest error a truth can make
Is shouting its sweet voiced hoarse,
And sin is only the soul's mistake
In misdirecting its force.
And love, the fairest of all fair things
That ever to men descend,
Grows rank with nettles and poisonous things
Unless it is watched and tended.

There could not be anything better than this
Old world in the way it began,
And though some matters have gone amiss
From the great original plan;
And however dark the skies may appear,
And however souls may blunder,
I tell you all will work out clear.
For good lies over and under.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WASHINGTON SQUARE.

Below are the forms of agreement and deed between the City and County of Salt Lake, providing for the erection of a joint public building on Washington Square, as submitted to the City Council on Tuesday night, March 17th, and adopted with slight amendments by the County Court on Wednesday, March 18th:

This agreement, made the — day of —, A.D. 1891, between Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County, witnesseth:

That, whereas, said city and county have heretofore entered into a contract to erect by their joint means a city and county public building upon a certain piece of land formerly owned by said city, situate at the southeast corner of First South and First East streets, in Salt Lake City, for the joint and common use of said city and county; and said city has conveyed to said county an undivided one-half interest in said proposed building site; and

Whereas, the City Council of said city, and the County Court of said county, are now of the opinion that a certain other lot of ground, to wit: block thirty-eight in plat A, Salt Lake City survey, now owned by said city, will be a more desirable site for said

building, and that it will be more advantageous to the interests of said city and county to erect said building there than upon said first-mentioned site:

Now, therefore, the said city and county hereby covenant and agree, each with the other, that they shall and will erect upon said Block Thirty-eight, Plat A, of the Salt Lake City survey, a joint public building for their joint and common use, for the public offices of the officers of the said city and county, and for all such uses and purposes as are necessary or proper in the conduct or transaction of the public business of said city and county respectively, and for all public purposes for which said building may now or hereafter lawfully be used.

That the said city and county shall each pay one-half the cost of said building, and the cost shall not be less than \$300,000 nor more than \$400,000, unless said city and county shall hereafter mutually agree upon a different cost; and within the limit of cost herein specified the actual cost shall be the amount of the lowest bidder received, as hereinafter provided, for the construction of said building, from a responsible bidder; or in case different parts of said construction shall be separately contracted for, the aggregate of the lowest bids thereof from responsible bidders.

To carry into execution this contract in detail, said city and county shall appoint as their joint agent a joint committee, to consist of three members of the City Council of said city, to be chosen by said Council, and two members of the County Court of said county, to be chosen by said County Court, but in said committee, said city and county shall vote as such, and shall each have one vote, to be cast by a majority of its representatives. Said joint committee shall forthwith upon its appointment proceed with all reasonable speed to contract for and obtain, on behalf of said city and county, from a competent architect or architects, all necessary and proper plans and specifications for the same building, to include and exhibit the plans and specifications for every part and detail of the same, including all finishing and fixtures. But said plans and specifications shall be adopted only after their submission and approval by the City Council of said city and the County Court of said county respectively. And they shall be acted upon and approved or rejected by said

council and court within thirty days after their delivery to said joint committee; and in case of rejection, new or amended plans shall in like manner be obtained by said committee and submitted and acted upon within a like period.

Upon the adoption of the plans and specifications, bids for the erection of said building in accordance therewith shall forthwith be advertised for, for the time and in the manner required by any law in the premises, and the order of said council and court, and the contract or contracts awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and the work of construction commenced as soon as reasonably possible after the award of said contract or contracts; and said contract or contracts shall stipulate that said building shall be completed in every particular within two years after the execution thereof. All said work shall be done under the supervision of a competent architect, to be employed by said joint committee, subject to confirmation by said council and court; and all said work shall be subject to approval or rejection by said joint committee.

Said city and county shall each be liable forthwith for one-half the amount certified in writing to the recorder of said city and the county clerk of said county, respectively, to be due for the construction of said building from time to time by the supervising architect and countersigned by the mayor of said city, or acting mayor, and the chairman or acting chairman of the said county court; and said city and county hereby bind themselves, each to the other, to forthwith pay each its one-half of all such amounts when and from time to time they are so certified.

And whereas, said city is greatly in need of larger and better offices and apartments than it at present possesses, and the erection of a building jointly with said county will greatly facilitate the obtaining of the same in a manner financially most convenient and generally most desirable for the city, now, therefore, the said city, in consideration of the premises and of the arguments herein made by said county, hereby covenants with said county that upon the adoption of the plans and specifications for said building, as hereinbefore provided, the said city shall and will forthwith duly execute and deliver to said county a deed of an undivided one-half interest in fee simple in the aforesaid block thirty-